

P. T. BARNUM HAS WRITTEN A CHAPTER OF THE GREATEST COMPOSITE NOVEL.

PRICE ONE CENT

LAST EDITION SAYS HE IS JACK THE RIPPER.

Lawyer Brague Scared by a Cold-Blooded Letter-Writer.

Assassination and Dismemberment Are Among His Threats.

Counselor Stephen B. Brague, who has an office in the Bennett Building, is in a most dreadfully excited condition. His enemy is an unknown person, who signs himself "Jack the Ripper," and sometimes "J. R." for short, who appears to be almost as bloodthirsty as his Whitechapel namesake.

Ever since June 11 he has been writing letters to Mr. Brague containing the most blood-curdling threats, and in his subsequent messages he has developed his plan of assassination and dismemberment in a cold-blooded and business-like way calculated to make a braver heart than that of Mr. Brague quail with terror.

Mr. Brague being a peace-loving and inoffensive citizen is naturally very much disturbed by these persistent and remorseless literary assaults, but cannot account for them in any way.

I have practiced law in this city for thirty years, he said in an Evening World reporter this morning, "but never to my knowledge have I made an enemy who could be compared to such diabolical revenge as this person seems to be."

Mr. Brague has put the matter in the hands of Joseph E. Patton, of the Society for the Enforcement of the Criminal Law, and the former coadjutor of Anthony Comstock.

BATTLE WITH BURGLARS.

Two Captured After a Desperate Struggle and Long Chase.

CAMDEN, N. J., June 20.—Burglars were discovered at work in the Woodbury Post-office at Camden, and the police and the robbers exchanged shots.

The chase for the others was continued to Whiteville, where a man who rode his name as James Leighton was arrested on suspicion.

The robbers had blown open the safe and taken out a large quantity of stamps and nearly \$100 in cash.

A PEORIA MURDER MYSTERY.

Katie Sheehan, Five Days Missing, Found Dead in the River.

PEORIA, Ill., June 20.—Charles Beck, who was last seen in company with the girl, is under arrest in connection with the mysterious death of Katie Sheehan.

The girl went on a steambath excursion with a party of friends last Saturday and disappeared after the boat landed.

A Morning Blaze in Boston.

BOSTON, June 20.—At about 8.30 this morning, a fire broke out in the building 30 Chatham street, occupied by J. E. Lappen & Co., woodcutters by trade.

No Indian War at Present.

LEANS DEER AGENCY is that the threatened outbreak among the Cherokees is for the present averted, owing to promises of money made by the Indians to Col. Curtis Major Hurlow in open council, Wednesday night.

Legal Blow for the Brush Company.

United States Circuit Judge Cox today handed down a decision denying the motion of the Brush Electric-Light Company for a rehearing in the suit brought against it by the Brush-Sweet Company of New England.

Federal of Thomas C. Sloane.

The funeral of Thomas C. Sloane at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church this morning was very largely attended.

Gleason Starts a New Crusade.

Dr. Wm. J. Barnet, a prominent Long Island City physician, was arrested this morning charged with violation of the anti-sweating law.

John W. Mackay's suit against Ed Stokes and Cassius H. Reed for \$252,597, money alleged to have been loaned to them in July, 1883, was today by the United States Circuit Court to-day.

GOMPER'S TERMS ACCEPTED.

Powderly Anxious to Meet Him in Debate at Cooper Union To-Night.

The Two Opposing Leaders Alone to Speak, if Gompers Comes.

The following letter was forwarded this afternoon to President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, by General Master Workman Powderly of the Knights of Labor.

This letter was in reply to Mr. Gompers' communication of last night, in which he accepts Mr. Powderly's invitation to participate in the big Knights of Labor mass meeting in Cooper Union to-night, but imposing these conditions:

First.—That I shall meet you, and you alone, as my opponent.

Second.—That the time be equally divided between us.

Third.—That the meeting shall be an entirely free one, with no general platform, and with no free access, without the demand of any sign or pretension for that no person be admitted to the hall until 7.30 P. M.

Mr. Powderly writes:

New York, June 20, 1890.

Dear Sir: My letter inviting you to participate in the deliberations of the Cooper Union meeting to-night was not intended as a challenge in any sense of the word.

Challenges are usually accompanied by the rules of the contest, and had I intended my offer to be a challenge this would have been done.

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BROKER WANZOR DIVORCED.

Allegations of Infidelity Considered Proved by the Court.

The Beautiful Correspondent a Witness This Morning.

Broker Moses G. Wanzor, the defendant in the famous Brooklyn divorce suit of Wanzor vs. Wanzor, today has his innings in the City Court Chambers before Judge Van Wyck.

His wife seeks a bill of divorce on the ground of infidelity, and Mrs. Emilie L. Lee, wife of Frank D. Lee, of Brooklyn, is named as co-respondent.

The feature of the morning was the appearance of the fair co-respondent in court. She is a strikingly handsome woman of the deepest brunette type and with a Juno-like form.

She was attired very modestly in a deep black lace costume. Not a bit of color relieved the sombre moulding of her outfit save the two delicious little pink spots which blazed on her cheeks.

Lawyer Newhall said before he closed the case for the prosecution that he desired to submit testimony showing the ability of the defendant to contribute liberally to charity.

He testified that he had sold a piece of property for \$10,000, and that he had given \$5,000 of it to the American Federation of Labor, and \$5,000 to the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.

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CROKER FORBIDDEN TO STAY.

He Will Return to Europe After Fasset's Inquisition.

Tammany Wants Him to Stay to See the Campaign Through.

Ex-City Chamberlain Richard Croker is going to return to Europe for the benefit of his health, not, however, before his appearance as a witness before the Senate Investigating Committee.

On this, his second, visit to the Old World Mr. Croker will be accompanied by his wife and all his children now in New York. He left two sons at school in Germany.

Mr. Croker's health is such that he has been told he must seek a more favorable climate and follow a strict regime under medical direction. His purpose is to acquire, not himself under the care of the German physicians who were so successful in diagnosing his case and to remain under their treatment until he is restored to health.

A rumor was abroad to-day to the effect that the departure of Mr. Croker and his family is immediately being considered by the Senate before Senator Fasset's Committee.

This is denied by one of his friends who, however, confirmed the statement that the Tammany chieftain proposes returning to Europe.

"I have no doubt that Mr. Croker will be permitted to return to Europe," said the gentleman, "and I don't think he will depart until after election time."

It is stated that Mr. Croker has been aroused by the treatment of himself, his family and his friends at the hands of the Senate Committee, and that he has been advised by the Committee to return to Europe.

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WOLFGANG AGAIN.

Bottom Blown Out of Broadway at the Corner of Pine Street.

Fourth Explosion in a Week of the Steam Company's Pipes.

There is an immense hole, 15 feet long by 10 feet wide, in the centre of Broadway, just opposite the Schermerhorn building, at the corner of Pine street. Clouds of dense white steam are issuing from the excavation, and pedestrians on either side of Broadway who are compelled to pass the horrible stench that arises from the vaporous cavity.

The place is the scene of the latest blow-up of the steam company's main. They happen regularly every other day now, and the young man who intends taking his best girl out Sunday would better give Broadway, from Chambers to Whitehall streets, a wide berth.

Last night's geyser spouted about 8 o'clock. A hissing column of steam suddenly shot up in the air with a roar, and fine particles of sand and mud were liberally deposited in the eyes and ears and upon the garments of those who happened to be near.

The paving stones were loosened for a distance of three or four feet around the spot, and the steam was so dense that it was impossible to see across the street.

Pedestrians first swore and then fled in all directions, fearfully expecting that a shower of paving-stones and manhole covers would follow them.

Railroad traffic was stopped. It was impossible to drive even the oldest warhorses of the Broadway line through that hot, seething vapor, and passengers who were in a hurry to get home heaped all sorts of maledictions on the New York Steam Company.

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